FIRST BILL HAS PASSED.

by Lillard Relating to Prosecution of Mortgaged Property.

TO COMPEL THE RENDITION OF NOTES

Tusation, Failure to Do Which Would Render Them Void. Bills Introduced for the Further Regulation of Railroads. Bill to Kill Occupation Taxes on Several Callings.

Texas, January 21.—The bouse passed its first bill today. It was Lilporides that where mortgag ed property is taken from the county in was given to another county and sold, prosecution can be had in ir. In other respects, but liftle business was transacted, beyond tabling bution that no invitations to go on pleasure trips be accepted. are a number of bills introduced, however, some of which are of mo-

of them relate to the levying of ad valorem taxes, Kennedy and Terensible therefor. The former wants the tax for general purposes ents on the \$100 valuation this year and at 18 cents thereafter, while hes the State school tax raised to and fixed at 20 cepts on the \$100. proposes to, if possible, make money lenders pay their share of the maintaining the government, and has given expression to his feelings tter through a bill which declares uncollectable all promissory notes not bear a tax assessor's certificate that they have been returned for

rt is determined to secure an equitable assessment of railroad property and will turn the matter over to the railroad commission in the future which he introduced today passes. Two other bills affecting railroad were read the first time today. One of them is by Wright and proextending the connecting carrier act so as to make each and every line les a shipment of freight a party to suits brought to recover dameges to said freight or for non-fulfillment of the contract for its movement. is by Ayers and provides that the adding of extra charges to a freight be point of delivery shall be considered an unlawful increase in the rate te an offense punishable by fine.

Wells, which was started on its way to the committee on revenue and day, has for its object quite a revolution in the occupation tax law. Its ses a repeal of the occupation tax on doctors, lawyers, livery stables, cotton brokers, factors and buyers, commission merchants, hide and ers, steam laundries, street car companies and commercial agencies and

vised Civil Statutes relating to qualifica-tions of county judges.

Wells introduced a bill repealing certain subdivisions of general laws passed by special session of the Twenty fifth legis-lature, relating to occupation taxes.

WHAT SHERIFFS WOULD LIKE

IN THE WAY OF CHANGES IN THE

PRESENT LAW REGARDING FEES.

The Association Will Not, as a Body,

Ask Anything-Sheriff Cabell Sets

Forth Views of the Individuals.

Dallas, Texas, January 21.-The sheriffs

of Texas want the present fee bill modified

and give their reasons why the measure

passed by the Twenty-fifth legislature

Ben E. Cabell, the sheriff of Dallas coun-

should, in a few instances, be changed.

ty and president of the Texas Sheriffs' as-

sociation, was asked by The Post representative today if there would be any special effort made to change the present fee

Sheriff Cabell answered: "If you mean, will the Sheriffs' association as an asso

ciation make an effort, I will answer no This body met last July in Galveston and

all that was done was published, and that, briefly stated, was to point out some of

the defects in the bill as they predicted

which, under the new fee bill, had to be

Texas, January 21 .- When the this forenoon an objection Childs to the house indefinmembers on account of buston of Lamer agreed with the dereon of Lanier agreed with the from Bexar, while Oliver opher some discussion the motion indefinitely was withdrawn, will was read from Corsicana, ing for establishment of kinderartment in public schools, then by Terrell prohibiting the accepting invitations to go on was sent up, and Kittrell opstacterizing the resolution as y. The resolution failed by an like yote.

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ittee on claims and acall relating to the removal of

perty from one county to finally. diminishing the civil and ction of Duval county was assed to engrossment, after finally under suspension of

then adjourned until Monday

BILLS INTRODUCED.

In the House.

-Joint resolution amend on relating to compensation hire-Joint resolution amend-

on relating to senators and

mating to Issuance of marriage

wart-Bill further defining and the powers and duties of rail-lation and requiring it to assess 44 properties in the State for ri and McKamy—Bill making it have to sow Johnson grass or sete on land.

of suits against railroad as assignees, trustees and ting any railway over whose lines any freight, baggage try has been carried.

Hopkins—Bill amending Resulties relating to venue in cease of the passes

Bill amending law relatof suits in justice courts. ice courts four jurors con-ing in a verdict. and Maxwell—Bill amending

Bill preventing recovery note until same has been or until taxes have been regulating sale of co

amending Revised Civil

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Bill relating to public

many instances not discussed, and should be remedied.

"In the first place the last two legislatures have made a cut in criminal fees of about 40 per cent; the last legislature in almost all civil fees 50 per cent, making a total cut of 40 per cent in criminal and 50 per cent in civil fees. Besides this the amount making it a felony for the 60 was changed from \$20 to \$50 dollars; all the fis under \$50 being misdemeanors and tried in the county court, where no fees are paid the sheriffs unless convictions are had, and when convicted in counties where county convicts are worked on roads only one-half of fees are allowed and paid to them, and in countles where county convicts are not worked nothing is paid to them at all. You can readly see how this works. A larger per cent of the violations are for theft and 75 per cent of the fis are under \$50; a man has to steal about three bales of cotton to make it a penitentiary offense. My report will show that \$3100, or over, of sheriff's fees was charged for work done in the county court, where the

ill providing for levy of is for general purposes, mending Revised Civil to estrays.

tending Revised Civil the time of taking schol-ctusen the lat day of day of April.



FARMER SHAW SCENTS DANGER.

Dallas, Texas, January 19.—Farmer Shaw is home from Austin, but will return to the State capital in a few days. Speaking of the legislature, he says: "The railroads will have the strongest lobby in the history of the State. The sleeping car advance lobby is there. The cattle barons will be there in force. Their fear is that the line within which farmers may locate will be moved further out. The insurance companies will have a lobby there to prevent a law forcing them to invest a given per cent of their earnings within the State. Other forcign corporations will doubtless be also represented in the lobby, because a law is demanded by present conditions to equalize a taxation upon these in stitutions.

"A combination of all lobbyists may be expected on one point, to-wit, the effort to secure a constitutional convention."

best of deputies and pay them; they can then figure what living wages would be, and so amend the bill without violating any democratic principles and doing at this time what will have to be done sconer

this time what will have to be done sooner or later in order to sustain an efficient sheriffs office.

"As I stated, the Sheriffs' association as a body will do nothing more than montioned. We meet once a year for the purpose of becoming personally acquainted, to discuss matters appetitaining to a more efficient service, making such recommendations as we know and can show beyond contradiction will be in the interest of efficiency, and leave to the legislature to do the rest. We will have no one to lobby for the changes recommended, but it is for the changes recommended, but it is hoped that each sheriff took his representative in his office and showed him and explained everything, and with the population of the ports before them I feel that some changes will be made."

Sheriff Cable expects to go to Austin some time soon, and will, of course, tell those members of the legislature whom he chances to meet the reasons the sher-iffs have for expecting a few changes in

the law relating to fees.

He has moded a letter in which is embodied the views contained in the above interview to each of Dallas county's legislators and has requested them to give the subject their earnest attention.

this morning received a batch of reports made out for the year ending December 31, 1898. No meeting has been held since, hence as an association nothing further has been or will be done.

"I will briefly state what I know of some of the changes that ought to be made in the interest of the State, the litigant and the samples." I know and we the samples of the shercommittees had worked industriously yessaid reports was one from judiciary committee No. 1, which recommended favorable consideration of but one bill, while it placed the seal of disapproval upon six others. The bill favorably acted upon was the one by Smith of Grayson, exempting wearing apparel from forced sale for the payment of debts.

the interest of the State, the litigant and the shortins. I know, and we (the shortins) realize that the fee bill was a platform measure of 1896, and the same was indorsed in 1898 at Galveston, and to make or attempt to make a general change I know would be out of the question, and we really do not want that, but we think the last fee bill was an experiment, and we don't think that the most radical fee biller ever intended a bill that would materially interfere with the efficiency of the shoriff's office or cripple it to the extent Among the bills assassinated was Decker's, to permit of the sale of individual interests in real estate upon the application of guardians; Kittrell's, to dispense with the necessity of the privy acknowledgment of married women to instruments of conveyance; Derden's, providing that evidence of usurious interest in any case shall be admitted without a special plea of usury; Rateliff's, to compensate memthe statutes relating to interest; Elis', amending statute relating to appeals from fustice courts.

biller ever intended a bit hat the terially interfere with the efficiency of the sheriff's office or cripple it to the extent that this bill has. Now this legislature has before them what no other legislature ever had, and that is an itemized account of every county officer, made out in detail, examined by grand juries and its correctness passed upon by the courts, showing every dollar carned, every dollar owed by either State, county or litigant and every dollar paid out and to whom paid. Now, the reports of the sheriffs who come under the operation of this law will show, in no instance, where one has made wages, not to say anything of a salary, and in many instances not one cent was carned. Now, this was not intended, and should be remedied. The committee on revenue and taxation ecommended that Sansom's resolution

checks issued in lieu of cash in payment of labor shall be redeemed in each at least

ence a month on a certain specified date.

The committee on State affairs killed the bill providing for a State board of emalming, as well as the bill forbidding forsign corporations organized for purposes for which a domestic corporation can not be organized from doing business in the

Halletaville, Texas, January 21.—Mr. Matzig, husband of the Bobernian woman sho one night last Decomber was murdered at her home near Sublime, has been arrested and jailed on a warrant charging murder, and will have an examining trial next week. Two negroes, arrested at the time of the murder, are yet in last.

Principal, Which It Is Contended He Should Have Tried to Do. Dallas, Texas, January 21.-Farmer

Shaw has discovered a new situation regarding the Hogg fee question. He said "The Hogg fee ought to be paid in full unless the State wants to punish Hogg & Robertson for not collecting as as much as they should have demanded. The position that governments do not, as General Smith today recalled his certificate a rule, pay interest on claims of this na- of approval given day before yesterday of ture may be to some extent correct, but \$389,500 Bexar county refunding bonds and it does not apply in this instance, be- had the bonds returned by the comptroller. THE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

It does not apply in this instance, because the original contract calls for 5 per cent interest and because, further, the government has already, in one instance of record, paid \$1,500,000 interest on this identical claim. If you will examine the report of the congressional committee that in 1883 investigated the Toby claim, this securing of the approval of those bonds.

House Judiciary No. 1 Marked One Approved and Turned Down Six Others.

Austin, Texas, January 21.—The house more reserved out of which claims against the computation of the computation of the committee that in 1883 investigated the Toby claim, this securing of the approval of those bonds. He is in the employ of the State, having been retained by me until Mr. Morris, the interest and because, further, the government has already, in one instance of reasons for this section, he this evening reasons for this section, he this evening reasons for this section, he this evening replied. In notice in this morning's persons that E. P. Hill had received an attorney's fee of \$1885 from the commission-tical claim. If you will examine the responsive fee of \$1885 from the commission-tical claim. If you will examine the responsive fee out of Bexar country of the approval of those bonds. He is in the employ of the State, having been retained by me until Mr. Morris, who will in the future hold it down, can wind up his private affairs and come to Austin, and for this reason it is not, in my opinion, proper for him to cause the original contract calls for 5 per cansens for this section, he this evening reasons for this section, he this evening replied. In noted in this morning's persons to this section, he this evening replied. In other contracts of the commission-tical claim. If you will examine the responsive fee of \$1885 from the commission-tent in the future of \$1.000. The country is the country is persons.

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bers of special venires; Savage's, amending stead of \$1,500,000, but the argument infinal adjustment was made, under which creditors agreed to release their debts upon payment pro rata, then it is clear the E. P. Hill came here from Austin this

last claim would be \$42,084.95, or a total interest on the \$101,113.27 claim since 1855 of over \$183,543. That is, instead of the State owing the general government \$45,-600 on the Toby claim paid, the govern ment owes the State a balance of at least \$188.643. It follows that if Culberson, Crane, Hogg & Robertson, Sayers and Chilton deserve any harsh criticism at all, it is for not insisting on collecting the entire amount due; and they ought to see to it that it is yet done."

Scarlet Pever at Edna.
Edna, Texas, January 21.—Some susplolous cases of scarlet fever were reorted here a few days ago; since that time the cases have developed, and it hav-ng become known that scarlet fever was

\$138,643 IS STILL DUE

the present. Keep your houses well ventiliated. We ask the physicians and the citizens to aid us to stamp out this disease. Report all suspicious cases to us.

Primary symptoms—Aching, chilly sensations, high fever, sore throat. From twelve to twenty-four hours after this an eruption makes its appearance on neck and body; eruption a bright rose color; tongue resembles a strawberry. These symptoms are enough to put you on your guard.

J. O. Rawlett, County Judge.

E. A. Malsch, Health Officer.

THE APPROVAL WITHDRAWN

FROM AN ISSUE OF LEXAR COUNTY REFUNDING BONDS.

Certain Vital Data in the Evidence Establishing Validity of the Original Issue Lacking, It is Said.

Austin, Texas, January 21.-Attorney the Texas republic were to; be paid, pro at this stage of the game. The certificate rata, conditioned that creditors would sign approving the bonds in question was releases in full of all claims. This the Hill that he had examined the papers recreditors refused to do, and the thing lating to them and found same in such hung fire from 1859, when the contract shape as to satisfy the law. He failed, was made to \$10,000,000 in stock drawing between the interest, the United States, as was made to \$10,000,000 in stock drawing 5 per cent interest, the United States, as mentioned before, reserving \$5,000,000.

"In 1855 the matter again came up, when Texas secured an additional appropriation of \$2,000,000 to reimburse damages from Indian depredations. The matter was then adjusted on this basis: Government agreed able to ascertain said link has never been supplied."

to pro rate claims from the original properties of the property of the properties of on same \$1,500,000; additional appropriation \$2,000,000; total \$8,500,000.

'I have not the data by me and hence quote from memory, but have it in mind that the total above should be \$7,500,000 instead of \$8,000,000. It may be, therefore, that the interest item above is \$500,000 instead of \$1,500,000, but the argument instead of \$1,500,000, but the argument instead of \$1,500,000, but the argument instead of \$1,500,000 in the first properties of the transaction. It is understood that he went to Sun Autonio this evening. There were several bond buyers in the tree were several bond buyers in the city this evening who were feeling anything but comfortable over the turn affairs have taken in this matter, as the properties were several bond buyers in the city this evening who were feeling anything but comfortable over the turn affairs have taken in this matter, as the properties were several bond buyers in the city this evening who were feeling anything but comfortable over the turn affairs have taken in this matter, as the properties were several bond buyers in the city this evening who were feeling anything but comfortable over the turn affairs have taken in this matter, as the properties were several bond buyers in the city this evening.

recommended that Sansom's resolution providing that a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the amount of money paid the State by peddlers for occupation taxes in 1898 with a view to regard to Schluter's bill providing for the regard to Schluter's bill providing for the indictment and prosecution of county of-ficials responsible for the violation of the law relating to county finances.

Judiciary committee on resolution favorably on Shropshire's bill amending the penal code with regard to release their debts upon providing for the payment owes interest on any balances in its clear the government was a number of years paying off the claims. Hence, thence it is clear the government owes interest is more than a number of years paying of the claims. Hence it is clear the government owes interest on any balances in its hands after 1855.

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ISLAND CITY NEWS HEMS

Indictments Returned Against Operators of All Slat Machines.

FORTARY MEETING CHAMBER COMMERCE

Is to Arrive Monday.

Galveston, Texas, January 21 .- The grand jury today returned indictments against all persons who recently had alot machines in their places of business. About forty well-known citizens were arrested this afternoon and put under a \$300 bond each to appear before the criminal court next Monday.

The alot machines were all closed up two weeks ago. One man who was arrested said he was charged with running

FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP. Hun, S. Taliaferro, United States dis-tript autorney for the Eastern district of Texas, is in the city today from Houston. In conversation with a Post reporter Mr. Taliaterro said:

"My term of office will expire on February 13, and prior to that time my resignation will be in the hands of Attorney General Griggs at Washington. I have no disposition to remain in office after the expiration of my term and am shaping up matters now to get out. I am arranging the docket of all the courts now so as to give the most assistance to my successor, and whoever the favored applicant may be I will do all in my power to render his beginning in office pleasant.

"During the time I have filled the post-

"During the time I have filled the position of United States district attorney I have been greatly assisted in the work by the able and courteous assistance of the officials with whom I have been brought in contact. For all of them I have the very highest regard and esteem."

Mr. Taliaferre has been a nainstaking and conscientious official and his successor will follow in the footsteps of a good man. He stands high in the estimation of Judge Bryant, who on more than one occasion has added his tribute to Mr. Taliaferre's qualities as an officer and as a man. He will retire with the best wishes of all the officials of the court. He will reture the practice of law in Houston.

Dispatches from Washington the last few days would seem to indicate that Marc Molemore of this city is a sure winner for the district attorneyship. Today's dispatches, however, say R. E. Hannay, who is McLemore's strongest opponent, will be at the capital in a few days in his own behalf.

The fight between them is a pretty one and each has good indorments. The appointment is likely to be made within the next few days.

FIRST BANANA STEAMER.

The Norwegian steamer Fulton, which has been chartered by the Eureka Banana

tier building on Postoffice between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets are to be torn down and a two-story brick building erected on the site. The property

tenants who formerly lived in the frame structures have moved out and, it is an derstood, the contract for the new building has been signed. Henry Beissner owns a good deal of Galveston real estate. The hig frame structure known as the Burroughs building on Postoffice street between Twenty-second and Twenty-third, next to Fritter's auction store, 4s to be torn down. No arrangement has yet been made for a new building, but one will probably be put up there before long.

THE BAPTIST RALLY.

The weather has been much against the neetings at the First Baptist church, but

meetings at the First Baptist church, but the discussions have been of a high order, and greatly enjoyed by those who have heard them.

This evening at 7:30 Prof. Wilson, president of Baylor Female college, spoke on "The Relation of Education to Missions," taking the place of Rev. E. N. Wathe of Japan, who was prevented from attending by sickness in his family.

Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock Rev. Dr. J. B. Gambrell will speak on "The Present Status of Baptist Educationni Affairs in Texas, and Our Immediate Duty with Respect Thersto."

At 3 o'clock p. m. there will be a meeting for the ladies, conducted by the gifted Mrs. J. B. Gambrell.

At 7:30 the theme will be "The Relation of Denominational Education to Denominational Crowth." Dr. J. M. Robertson, who was to have discussed this topic, is kept away by sickness. There will be an efficient substitute.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Chamber of commerce stockholders are scelving the following notice:

You are bereby notified that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gaiveston chamber of commerce will be held Monday, January 23, at 7:30 p. m., in the rooms of the chamber, for the election of a board of thirteen directors to serve for the ensuing year. An informal smoker will follow and a report be made by the secretary.



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AIMED AT THE COFFEE TRUST

PHILLIPS OF LAMPASAS WANTS ITS OPERATIONS INVESTIGATED.

Attorney General Directed to Report Whether He Needs Assistance in Securing Evidence.

Austin, Texas, January 21 .- The followng resolution by Phillips of Lampasas was atroduced in the house this morning and eferred to the proper committee:

Whereas, It is a matter of general conviedge that a monster coffee combine and trust is operating in the State of Texas in open defiance of the laws of this State and in utter disregard of the wishes of the people, compelling merchants to obey the terms and prices fixed by this trust, monopoly and combine and thereby preventing an open and fair competition;

cargo of bananas from Bocas del Toro.
Manager Fiske has received a cablegram that the steamer salled from Bocas on the 16th with a full cargo. That means that the Fulton will arrive here with 10,000 bunches of bananas. It is not known yet at which pier the steamer will be berthed, but no time will be lost in discharging the cargo.

The Santa Fe railway will give the bananas special service out of there. The bananas special service out of there. The 10,000 bunches will make about twenty carloads.

NEW HUSINESS BUILDING.

The frame shacks that stand on the lot of the trust and prosecute the offendors and prosecute the offendors of the suits to the end that the legislature may at once make an appropriation to employ additional counsel and secure sufficient evidence in restrain the operation of the trust and prosecute the offendors of the trust and prosecute of the trust and the trust an of the trust and prosecute the o

ALLEGES USURY.

B. and L. Organization Sued to Can-cel Certain Notes. Greenville, Texas, January 21.—Z. T. Carr of this city has brought suit against the Texas Building and Loan association at Corsicans, by which he seeks to caucel and set aside a mechanic's and builder's lien contract, as a cloud on his title. He alleges in substance, that in 1893 he borrowed \$350 to make improvements on his homestead; that he gave his note for \$575. payable in sixty monthly installments of \$8.75 each, and in order to secure the note gave the mechanic's lien. He alleges further that \$590 in installments have been paid; that such contract is usurious and void, as to the interest paid, and asks that such monthly payments be credited on the principal, thereby extinguishing the note which the lien was given to secure.

It is understood that a great many bertowers are similarly situated and the result of this suit will be anticipated with more or less interest by these, as well as by the companies making such leans. payable in sixty monthly installments of

Austin, Texas, January 20. -- With the placed the following on file for the Hous-

ton and Texas Central;

1. Less than cartoan shipments of sorghum and millet seed transported between
stations on the Austin and Northwestera.
Texas Trunk and Houston and Texas Gentral railroads and associated lines, will be
subject to the same rates as wheat in like
upantities.